

From the CIO

The Virginia Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) and VITA are charged with the effective management of IT for the Commonwealth. Placing a strategic focus on IT also provides agencies with guidance in developing their strategic plans, particularly as they relate to IT. The ITIB recently approved the 2007-11 [Commonwealth Strategic Plan for Information Technology](#).

I urge you to read the plan and if you have any input regarding implementation, please e-mail me at cio@vita.virginia.gov. Our objective is to help tie together the Commonwealth's long-term objectives and IT strategic plan, secretariat and agency strategic plans as they relate to IT, the budgeting process, and the Recommended Technology Investment Projects (RTIP) Report.



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Commonwealth Strategic Plan for IT approved

The ITIB has approved the Commonwealth Strategic Plan for Information Technology, which includes the following:

Strategic Mission

The mission of information technology within the Commonwealth is to maximize the use of technology to enable, enhance and sustain the delivery of Commonwealth services.

Strategic Vision

The vision for information technology within the Commonwealth is to be a trusted, agile partner in delivering and transforming Commonwealth services that consistently exceed customer expectations.



Strategic Goals

- Goal 1 – Increase accessibility to government
- Goal 2 – Facilitate IT collaboration and partnerships
- Goal 3 – Ensure a trusted and reliable technical environment
- Goal 4 – Create a reputation of performance for technology
- Goal 5 – Increase workforce productivity through the use of technology

Agencies should use the plan as guidance in developing their strategic plans as they relate to IT. Objectives, metrics, and initiatives can be found on the VITA Web site's [Commonwealth Strategic Plan for IT](#) page.

The Department of Planning and Budget recently provided guidance for IT components of agency strategic plans. For more information, see the [Leadership Communiqué](#).

Smart management is key to keeping IT projects on track



Agencies now have extensive guidance on how to successfully implement IT projects, including business case templates and instructions; instructions for project governance; and, a comprehensive methodology outlining how to manage every phase of the project. An overview can be found on the VITA Web site [here](#).

Agencies can help expedite IT project approval by working with their designated [VITA Enterprise Business Director](#) (EBD) from the earliest stages of project conception. Following these guidelines and standards will help avoid the most common causes of IT project failures, permit agencies to focus more on their business functions while VITA focuses on IT infrastructure, and help sustain Virginia's status as the best managed state.

IT Infrastructure Partnership planning continues

VITA and Northrop Grumman are continuing to plan for July 1, 2006, when the IT Infrastructure Partnership officially begins. Letters offering employment with Northrop Grumman to VITA employees who are in-scope to the partnership are in the mail.

MOU appendices work will begin

Work on appendices to the VITA-agency memoranda of agreement will begin this month and continue through the summer. The Enterprise Business Directors (EBDs) and VITA will work with agencies on details, which will include hardware and hardware maintenance and software and software maintenance.

RTIP work under way

The ITIB will submit the Recommended Technology Investment Projects (RTIP) report to the Governor and General Assembly by September 1, 2006. The RTIP will be finalized at a special meeting of the ITIB on August 20, 2006. If you have a project under way, and are uncertain as to whether it is listed, please contact Constance Scott at (804) 371-2771 or constance.scott@vita.virginia.gov for assistance.

Rates effective July 1

As noted previously, VITA plans to begin charging for project management and security services effective June 1, 2006. In addition, billing for certain voice and data telecommunications charges for agencies affected by the Capitol area renovations has been moved to VITA from the rent fee formerly charged by the Department of General Services (DGS) effective with the July 2006 bills. The Governor's proposed budget includes supplemental appropriations for agencies to support these service initiatives. Details are available on the VITA Web site [here](#).

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